

LIGHTS- that can save us!

A long retired country airline pilot who mainly flew around outback NSW shared with me a fascinating story. It was very late one afternoon and there was poor visibility in the sky that prevented him from seeing exactly where the air strip was he was meant to land on. He was becoming very anxious as the plane was now running low on fuel!

Fortunately a man who lived next to the air strip knew what was happening so he quickly jumped into his truck and drove out to the airstrip and then at the end of the runway he turned on his high beam headlights. This was all the pilot needed as he saw from the sky a long strip of light on the runway and he was then able to neatly fly over the truck to land safely. I assume that the pilot bought the truck driver a beer that night!

The saving light for this fortunate pilot came from *below* whereas the saving light of Jesus Christ comes from *above*. Yet both lights are gifts given to people to benefit from by way of the initiative of someone else. People also are given the initiative to either respond to that light or to ignore it, whatever option they choose to make has definite consequences.

Jesus of Nazareth makes the point to his followers; *“That I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will not walk in darkness.”* (John 8 verse 12) – *Fr Martin R Maunsell*